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Letter from Tilton C. Reynolds to Juliana Reynolds, January 22, 1862

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Dear Mother,

To day I received a letter from you and also one from Maggie and Yesterday I got one from Clara which I will answer to morrow as I have not time to night. The regt has not come In of[f] Picket yet but will be in Tomorrow. I wrote a letter to you night before last and It Started yesterday. In It I told you about the Regt being out on picket and the Reason I did not go but I am about as well Satisfied that I had to stay for It is most Miserable muddy here now. A fellow can hardly get out with out getting in the mud knee deep. But this Evening I went over to the 63rd Regt which lays a Short distance from this to See them hold dress Parade. I tell you there is not a Regt that I have seen yet that can match ours in any thing. Ours is the best Drilled and the best men In It of any Regt that I have seen at all. McKnight is a good Col for all he was so severe at first. But he wanted to have a good Regt and he has got it. The word came in here to day that the Rebels were Evacuating Manassas. If this is so there time is Short. But it may all be a hoax.

There was an other Prisoner brought in here this Evening. He looks like a Soldier only he is rather old. He had a Knap Sack on his Back and a tall hat an[d] I guess he is about fifty or fifty five years of age. It beats all for Prisoners being fetched in here [?] while Back I guess the Rebels are afraid of this Burnsides expedition. You need not be alarmed abut me if there is a fight. There is three chances of getting off safe where there is one chance of getting killed. I have not got my Picture taken yet for It is so awful dark these days that I am afraid I could not get a good one but as quick as It clears up I will get them and send

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them home. But I must quit this. I wrote to Clara telling her that I had got her likeness. The letter must have misscarried. Give my love to all and believe me to be your ever affectionate son.

Tilton Reynolds